

19. A PTFE tube comprising external roots and peaks which tube is obtainable from a non-convoluted tube having an original wall thickness W_0 by a process in which a region of the tube is thinned to provide external convolutions with a root wall thickness W_1 characterized in that W_1 is less than 25% of W_0 .

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the tube is thinned to provide external convolutions with a root wall thickness W_1 characterized in

that W_1 is less than 25% of W_0 .

20. A PTFE tube as claimed in claim 19 wherein W_1 is about 20% of W_0 .

REMARKS

Claims 3-8, 12-13 and 15-18 have been amended to conform to U.S. practice.

Examination of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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